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1 A system and method for registering and certifying an electronic message, said system and method further comprising a 2 client, an intended recipient, a local computer system, a 3 website, a processing unit, an email database, the means to 4 register said electronic message, the system and method 5 comprising the steps of: 6 7 said client using said local computer system accessing said 8 website and establishing a registration account; 9 said processing unit assigning a code to said registration 10 account of said client; 11 12 said processing unit receiving said electronic message, said 13 electronic message being from said client; 14 15 said processing unit storing information about said electronic 16 message and said registration account in said email database; 17 said processing unit resending said electronic message to said 18 intended recipient as identified by said Client in said 19 registration account; 20 21 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 22 was sent by said processing unit; 23 24 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 25 was received by said intended recipient; 26 said processing unit creating a confirmation record that 27 comprises said date said electronic message was sent and said 28

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date said electronic message was received by said intended recipient;

said processing unit sending said client a copy of said confirmation record; and

said processing unit storing information about said confirmation record and said registration account in said email database.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said local computer system may be a remote fixed device or a remote portable device; whereby either said remote fixed device or said remote portable device access said website using the internet or other Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol based network connectivity.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said processing unit further comprises said email database; said email database comprising information storage an system; said information storage system further comprising the means to store data; said data further comprising said registration account data, electronic message data, said submission date said delivery date data, and said confirmation record data.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said registration account data further comprises said client's name, said client's email address, said intended recipient's name, said intended recipient's email address, and the email delivery services requested by said client.
- 5. The method of claim 1 whereby said email delivery services comprise said processing unit sending said electronic message Confidential  $Page\ 34 \qquad \qquad 10/17/2001$

from said client in the form of a registered email, or a certified email, or a return receipt email, or an email submission confirmation or an email delivery confirmation.

- 6. The method of claim 1 whereby said registered email, said certified email, said return receipt email, said email submission confirmation, and said email delivery confirmation are further comprised of said registration account data and said electronic message.
- 7. The method of claim 1 whereby said electronic message further comprises varied electronic data, including text data, audio data, visual data, video data, electronic data, and electronic attachments.
- 8. The method of claim 1 whereby said website further comprises the means for said client to select said delivery services and to submit said electronic message in conjunction with said delivery services to said processing unit from said local computer system.
- 9. The method of claim 1 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to receive said electronic message from said local computer system and to send said electronic message to said intended recipient in accordance with said delivery services selected by said client in said registration account.
- 10. The method of claim 1 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to determine when said electronic message has been sent to said intended recipient and when said intended recipient has received said electronic message.

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- 11. The method of claim 1 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to notify said client of when said electronic message was sent to said intended recipient and when said electronic message was received by said intended recipient.
- 12. The system of claim 11 whereby said processing unit compiles the submission and delivery confirmation data into said confirmation record; said confirmation record further comprising said registration account data.
- 13. The method of claim 12 whereby said confirmation record is in the form of a digital certificate that is emailed to said client.
- 14. The method of claim 1 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means whereby a copy of said electronic message is archived and stored for future use and retrieval.
- 15. A system and method for registering and certifying an electronic message, said system and method further comprising an anonymous client, an intended recipient, a local computer system, a website, a processing unit, an email database, the means to register said electronic message, the system and method comprising the steps of:

said anonymous client using said local computer system accessing said website and establishing a registration account;

said processing unit assigning a code to said registration account of said anonymous client;

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said processing unit receiving said electronic message, said 1 electronic message being from said anonymous client; 2 3 said processing unit storing information about said electronic 4 message and said registration account in said email database; 5 6 said processing unit resending said electronic message to said 7 intended recipient as identified by said anonymous client in 8 said registration account; 9 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 10 was sent by said processing unit; 11 12 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 13 was received by said intended recipient; 14 15 said processing unit notifying said intended recipient that said 16 electronic message has been sent on behalf of said anonymous 17 client; 18 said intended recipient choosing to post a reply for said 19 client; 20 21 said processing unit creating a confirmation record that 22 comprises said date said electronic message was sent to said 23 intended recipient, and said date said electronic message was 24 received by said intended recipient, and said reply posted for 25 said anonymous client; 26 27 said processing unit sending said anonymous client a copy of said confirmation record; and 28 Confidential 10/17/2001 Page 37

said processing unit storing information about said confirmation record and said registration account in said email database.

- 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said local computer system may be a remote fixed device or a remote portable device; whereby either said remote fixed device or said remote portable device access said website using the internet or other Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol based network connectivity.
- 17. The method of claim 15 wherein said processing unit further comprises said email database; said email database further comprising an information storage system; said information storage system further comprising the means to store data; said data further comprising said registration account data, said electronic message data, said submission date data, said delivery date data, and said confirmation record data.
- 18. The method of claim 15 wherein said registration account data further comprises said anonymous client's name, said anonymous client's email address, said intended recipient's name, said intended recipient's email address, and the email delivery services requested by said anonymous client.
- 19. The system of claim 18 whereby said email delivery services comprise said processing unit sending said electronic message from said anonymous client in the form of a registered email, or a certified email, or a return receipt email, or an email submission confirmation or an email delivery confirmation.
- 20. The method of claim 18 whereby said registered email, said Confidential Page 38 10/17/2001

certified email, said return receipt email, said email submission confirmation, and said email delivery confirmation are further comprised of said registration account data and said electronic message.

- 21. The method of claim 15 whereby said electronic message further comprises varied electronic data, including text data, audio data, visual data, video data, electronic data, and electronic attachments.
- 22. The method of claim 15 whereby said website further comprises the means for said anonymous client to select said delivery services and to submit said electronic message in conjunction with said delivery services to said processing unit from said local computer system.
- 23. The method of claim 15 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to receive said electronic message from said local computer system and to send said electronic message to said intended recipient in accordance with said delivery services selected by said anonymous client in said registration account.
- 24. The method of claim 15 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to determine when said electronic message has been sent to said intended recipient and when said intended recipient has received said electronic message.
- 25. The method of claim 15 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means for said intended recipient to post said reply for said anonymous client.

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- 26. The method of claim 15 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to notify said anonymous client of when said electronic message was sent to said intended recipient and when said electronic message was received by said intended recipient.
- 27. The method of claim 15 whereby said processing unit compiles said submission confirmation, and said delivery confirmation data, and said reply posted by said intended recipient, into said confirmation record; said confirmation record further comprising said registration account data.
- 28. The method of claim 15 whereby said confirmation record is in the form of a digital certificate that is emailed to said client.
- 29. A system and method for verifying the identity of the intended recipient of a registered or certified electronic message, said system and method further comprising a client, said intended recipient, a local computer system, a website, a processing unit, an email database, the means to verify said identity of said intended recipient, the means to register said electronic message, the system and method comprising the steps of:
- said client using said local computer system accessing said
  website and establishing a registration account;
- said processing unit assigning a code to said registration account of said client;
- | said processing unit receiving said electronic message, said | Confidential Page 40 10/17/2001

1 electronic message being from said client; 2 said processing unit storing information about said electronic 3 message and said registration account in said email database; 4 5 said processing unit notifying said intended recipient that said 6 processing unit is holding said electronic message pending 7 verification of said identity of said intended recipient; 8 9 obtaining verification information of said identity of said 10 intended recipient; 11 said processing unit resending said electronic message to said 12 intended recipient as identified by said Client in said 13 registration account; 14 15 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 16 was sent by said processing unit; 17 18 said processing unit tracking the date said electronic message 19 was received by said intended recipient; 20 said processing unit creating a confirmation record that 21 comprises said date said electronic message was sent, and said 22 date said electronic message was received by said intended 23 recipient, and said verification information of said identity; 24 25 said processing unit sending said client a copy of said 26 confirmation record; and 27 said processing unit storing information about said confirmation 28 Confidential 10/17/2001 Page 41

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record and said registration account in said email database.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein said local computer system may be a remote fixed device or a remote portable device; whereby either said remote fixed device or said remote portable device access said website using the internet or other Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol based network connectivity.

- 31. The method of claim 29 wherein said processing unit further comprises said email database; said email database further information storage system; said information comprising an storage system further comprising the means to store data; said data further comprising said registration account data, submission data, said electronic message data, said date delivery date data, said verification information data, and said confirmation record data.
- 32. The method of claim 29 wherein said registration account data further comprises said client's name, said client's email address, said intended recipient's name, said intended recipient's email address, and the email delivery services requested by said client.
- 33. The method of claim 29 whereby said email delivery services comprise said processing unit sending said electronic message from said client in the form of a registered email, or a certified email, or a return receipt email, or an email submission confirmation or an email delivery confirmation.
- 34. The method of claim 33 whereby said registered email, said Confidential Page 42 10/17/2001

certified email, said return receipt email, said email submission confirmation, and said email delivery confirmation are further comprised of said registration account data and said electronic message, and said verification information of said identity of said intended recipient.

- 35. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to notify said intended recipient that said processing unit is holding said electronic message pending confirmation of said verification information.
- 36. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to notify said intended recipient what said verification information comprises, and the means for said intended recipient to submit said verification information to said processing unit.
- 37. The method of claim 29 whereby said verification information further comprises a digital certificate, biometric information such as a thumbprint, voiceprint, retinal scan, a graphical, hand written signature, or personal identity papers such as a drivers license, a passport, and the like.
- 38. The method of claim 29 whereby whereby said electronic message further comprises varied electronic data, including text data, audio data, visual data, video data, electronic data, and electronic attachments.
- 39. The method of claim 29 whereby said website further comprises the means for said client to select said identity

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verification services and to submit said electronic message in conjunction with said verification services and in conjunction with said delivery services to said processing unit from said local computer system.

- 40. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to receive said electronic message from said local computer system and to send said electronic message to said intended recipient in accordance with said delivery services selected by said client in said registration account.
- 41. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to determine when said electronic message has been sent to said intended recipient and when said intended recipient has received said electronic message.
- 42. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further comprises the means to notify said client of when said electronic message was sent to said intended recipient and when said electronic message was received by said intended recipient.
- 43. The system of claim 29 whereby said processing unit compiles the submission and delivery confirmation data into said confirmation record; said confirmation record further comprising said registration account data.
- 44. The method of claim 29 whereby said confirmation record is in the form of a digital certificate that is emailed to said client.
- 45. The method of claim 29 whereby said processing unit further Confidential Page 44 10/17/2001

1 comprises the means whereby a copy of said electronic message is archived and stored for future use and retrieval. Confidential Page 45 10/17/2001